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1. THE INFORMATION IN REF A IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH
WHAT WE HEAR FROM THE FRG DELEGATION HERE.

2. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FRG MOD CON-
TEMPLATES THAT THE NEW STANDBY READINESS FORCE WOULD
BE CREATED AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS MBFR REDUCTIONS
ARE TAKEN. THEREFORE, THE FRG MIGHT IN EFFECT TAKE
SOME OR ALL OF ITS MBFR REDUCTIONS (DEPENDING ON
THE SIZE OF THE REDUCTIONS IT MAKES) BY CONVERTING
ACTIVE DUTY SPACES INTO SPACES IN THE STANDBY

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READINESS FORCE. THIS IS WHY ADMIRAL STEINHAUS

IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE RELATIVE SIZES OF FRG MBFR REDUCTIONS AND THE NEW STANDBY READINESS FORCE (PARA 5 OF REF A). HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS METHOD OF TAKING MBFR REDUCTIONS IS VIEWED NOT AS A FIRM PLAN BUT RATHER AS AN OPTION WHICH APPEARS ATTRACTIVE AT THE MOMENT.

3. FOR THE FRG TO TAKE ITS REDUCTIONS BY CONVERTING ACTIVE FORCES TO A STANDBY READINESS FORCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF MILITARY SECURITY. FOR THIS VERY REASON, HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT SURPRISE US IF THE EAST OBJECTED STRONGLY WHEN THE TIME COMES, AND INSISTED INSTEAD THAT FRG REDUCTIONS BE TAKEN BY THE REMOVAL OF ENTIRE LARGE UNITS FROM ACTIVE DUTY STATUS. WHILE THIS DOES NOT CALL FOR ANY ACTION NOW, IT IS RELEVANT TO PROBABLE CONFLICT IN PHASE 2 OVER HOW REDUCTIONS OF INDIGENOUS FORCES ARE TO BE TAKEN. RESOR

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